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THE CRYSTAL GAZER.—IV.

He had sat in his chair for well over half an hour, replying in monosyllables to all that I had said to him. Nothing seemed to arouse him to interest, and I had given up the attempt, and was sitting looking into the fire, and wondering when Spring would make itself felt. Suddenly he sat back and began to talk.

"I suppose," he said, "that you know Goldsmith's couplet:

"'Ill fares the land, to hast'ning ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay.'

"I wish you would all keep that in mind during your college careers. I know that those lines may not seem very appropriate to the impecunious student. Indeed, I can already hear some ribald youth announcing that he is ready to decay at any time, if, by doing so, he may be able to accumulate wealth. Poor lad! Little does he realize that he is paying for the sins of the past generations, and that, for him, mental stagnation has already set in."

"Canada is a new country—a child in the family of nations. The Last Great West has just passed through its pioneer days, heralding the new era by a period of intense selfishness and greed, typified in the great boom which crashed in 1914. In that fateful year, the West was aroused from its worship of the material to realize that there were greater interests in life than the religion of the Almighty Dollar. Five years later, the world, having been made safe for democracy by the speeches of the politicians and the deeds of the soldiers, shook itself and looked round to save something from the wreck. For the past year the inhabitants of our country have continued the more serious business of life—the amassing of riches. Have the lessons of the past few years been taken to heart? The voice of the statesman, like a voice crying in the wilderness, is heard calling for strict economy and an increase in production. But no! The materialistic, selfish spirit of the past has again crept into our life, and a period of the wildest extravagance has set in."

"The fall of the Roman Empire was preceded by a gradual decline, marked by luxurious living and useless displays of opulence. The Roman patricians, weakened by years of ease and luxury, fell an easy prey to the hardier races of the North. Let us beware, lest western civilization should fall before some race whose mode of living is more sensible than our own. On the firm foundation of our civilization has been imposed a superstructure of non-essentials which is now tottering to a fall. In its fall it threatens to destroy all that we revere the most. Faster means of communication are being devised day by day, but does man mankind think with greater clarity or precision, when he has crossed the Atlantic in twenty-four hours instead of twenty-four days. Our newspapers proclaim under big headlines, that an airman has established a new world's record by looping the loop so many times in so many minutes. By how much does civilization profit? What are the finely-equipped American barber-shops with their elaborate comforts for the 'tired business man' but the modern counterparts of the famous Roman baths, which did so much to destroy the stamina of Rome? Men now mortgage their homes to buy motor-cars, not because they are useful to them, but because Smith, next door, and Jones, around the corner, have both bought one. Life becomes continually more intolerable and more difficult, all because of this false turn which progress has taken."

I pointed out that, while much of what he said was true, it had no practical reference to the Campus, and I asked whether the Spartan simplicity of our life did not please him.

"My poor young friend," said the old gentleman, "your mind is a worthy product of the age in which we live. It was the Campus which first drew my attention to the serious nature of the problem confronting us. The universities of to-day contain the leaders of tomorrow. Year by year I see 'Varsity life becoming more feverish and intolerable. In the first place the danger lies in the multiplicity of outside activities. Every year athletics, the Lit., the Dramatic Society, and so on, take up a larger place in your life, until at last lectures will be made optional and attendance on these other activities compulsory. Here again we see the distorted perspective of the times. Let us take another example: as dance follows dance, the organization necessary becomes more complicated, and the decorations more elaborate. Each class vies with the other to present a scene of more than Oriental splendour. Days are spent in the unnecessary preparations for what are now considered essentials to the success of a function. Ask the committee now toiling over the approaching Conversat. if they consider the game to be worth the candle. They will answer that the students expect it, and that our guests would feel slighted if there were not a great elaboration of decoration, and entertainment. What they say, is, alas, only too true, but who should make a step in the right direction, if the universities do not. The only thing that prevents it is that lack of moral courage which is one of the characteristics of our age."

"But it is useless to elaborate further. These ostentatious displays of wealth, and wasteful extravagance are among the fundamental causes of our present social unrest, popularly known as Bolshevism. The fifty-thousand Canadians who now lie buried in France and Flanders saw life in reality, stripped to its essentials. They tore away the hypocrisy and sham of our civilization and saw what really lay beneath. Remember:

"'If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep, although we lie
In Flanders' fields.'"

As he ended, the fire, which had been getting lower and lower, gave out a list flicker of light and became a mass of glowing embers. The Crystal Gazer had sunk deep down in his chair, and I could see that he had quite forgotten my presence, and was deep in his own thoughts. I rose, and as quietly as possible, left the room.

MAKING MISTAKES

When a plumber makes a mistake, he charges twice for it.

When a lawyer makes a mistake, it is just what he wanted, because he has a chance to try the case all over again.

When a carpenter makes a mistake, it's just what he expected.

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When a judge makes a mistake, it becomes the law of the land.

When a preacher makes a mistake, nobody knows the difference.

But when an editor makes a mistake—good night!—Ex.

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Voilà de l'action française. Espérons, avec M. Kerr, que par ces procédés, — réciproques — les deux races finiront par se mieux comprendre. L'Université d'Alberta a pris pour devise ces belles paroles de saint Paul aux Philippiens : *Quæ cumque vera*; elle a donc le culte de la *vérité*; elle contribuera, par sa haute autorité, à dissiper dans l'Ouest les préjugés amoncelés contre les Canadiens français: tout préjugé est une chaîne et un esclavage dont la vérité seule peut

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CORRESPONDENCE

The Editor, The Gateway,

Dear Sir,—

Politeness is like an air cushion; there may be nothing in it, but it eases the jolt wonderfully, so they say.

It would be well for a number of the young gentlemen who attended the Undergrad. Ball to remember the above saying. The display by a few at the serving of supper on the night of the ball was next to disgusting. The arrangements by the committee for the serving of the supper were everything to be desired, and if they had been carried out as intended there would be no cause for complaint. Even after being appealed to by Miss Russell and members of the committee, this faction persisted in rushing the waitresses and cleaning the wagon, with the result that the section to which that particular waitress had been allotted had to wait. We would like to ask these young gentlemen (?) if they do this kind of thing when attending a dance at the Macdonald, or at any other party. No! We are sure they do not. Then why, oh, why, do it here? Our dances are quite as *recherché* as those held at the Macdonald, and in future, if these young men would not let their appetites get the best of their manners, they would make it much easier for the committee and the girls serving supper.

Another mark of appreciation to a hard-working committee was the removal of a large number of Chinese lanterns and three or four electric light extensions, all of which cost perfectly good money. This is a pernicious habit for which numbers of people have received a checked suit and a holiday at the expense of the government.

There are some people mean enough to pick their own pockets, but we do not expect to find this class at our University. The articles which were removed, were kindly loaned to the committee, and have to be returned or paid for. If these young men would just take home what belongs to them they would relieve the committee of a lot of worry.

Tr. Mr. "Jim" Nicoll, the indefatigable chairman, and Messrs Appleton and Teviotdale, every credit is due for making the Undergrad. Ball the event of the year. We sincerely hope that the actions of "the few" on Friday night will not make them think that theirs is an empty honor.

JUSTICE.

The Editor, The Gateway,

Dear Sir,—

The two big dances of the year in this University have always been the *Conversazione* and the Undergraduate Dance. These are open to all University students, to attend and numbers cannot be restricted. At the recent Undergraduate dance, posters were put up announcing that only two hundred couples would be allowed and that the price was to be two dollars and a half per couple. Now, the Junior Prom., declared by all to have been a very successful affair, needed only \$1.50, and I hardly see where the Undergraduate dance would take any more money. If, as it has been rumored, the extra charge was for the purpose of cancelling a debt incurred by the returned men, is it right that a University function should be used for the mercenary ends of any faction?

The sale of tickets, which was limited, in spite of the customs and laws of this institution, was carried on in an unfair way. Many bought tickets with a purely speculative idea of selling out to the highest bidder. Tickets were promised to students and they, on the strength of these promises, offered to share their privileges as they thought, but, as it turned out, their sad plight with the fair sex. This speaks very much of unfairness. If there is anyone whom you do not want at your dances, don't promise him a ticket and cheat him out at the last moment, for you may, perchance, hurt somebody's feelings.

If "Alberta" would spend his time trying to do away with dress suits instead of boosting the wearing of gowns, there would be less formality and more esprit de corps in this institution. Discussion should be encouraged along these lines, so that we might know the will of those interested.

SOCIABILITY.

THE EASTERN FRONT

The past-examination quiet having now settled upon us, perhaps we of the near-Atlantic sector may again get into communication with headquarters. The various members of our colony successfully weathered the festive season with the exception of Field, who is in the Royal Victoria Hospital with what is likely to develop into pneumonia. At last reports he was doing very well and it is the sincere hope of all his friends that the attack may be light.

Your correspondent, having but lately seen so many of the old guard at Des Moines, finds it rather hard to determine just what does constitute news for this letter. We may say, however, for the benefit of the student body at large, that the Alberta delegation did their Alma Mater credit and that the Green and Gold (according to the rest of Canada "mostly green") was well to the fore in every legitimate effort. Alberta men did their share, too, of fraternising with the representatives of far-distant institutions. It would be interesting to hear what Michener and Banks have to say of those girls from Tennessee (or was it Alabama?) and to ascertain what a certain Ag. replied to the Queen's girl who said that every Buckingham's home was his palace and that Buckingham Palace had always appealed to her. We ourselves learned much of certain peninsulas and new associations, old grievances, the evergreen question of trips to Saskatoon, large budgets, small budgets, insultingly small budgets, the true story of the war with the Bulletin, the Students' Council, the House Committee and so on. These, however, are controversial subjects and not within our field. If it were permitted we should be delighted to pass on some of the purely personal gossip we heard but that is also without our province.

On the return trip from the Convention, a stop-over of some hours was arranged for at Chicago, where the famous loop district and the University of Chicago divided the honours, and another one of about ten hours at Toronto. While there we had the pleasure of seeing Norman A. Clarke ('17), who is now engaged in research work, looking for a Ph.D. about 1922. Norman appears very well and is lecturing in Chemistry at the University of Toronto, in addition to carrying his research work. If our memory does not fail us he is also President of the Graduate Students' Council at U. of T. He informed us that it was his intention to come West again when he received his degree.

We also saw Fulton Gillespie ('14), who is now in his fifth year in Medicine and who had just returned from a holiday visit to Edmonton. He appears to have been working hard, but is very enthusiastic about his course. Bill Hustler (ex-'18), was also down at the station to watch the McGill delegation entrain. He is now in the Christie Street Hospital, Toronto, and is evidently thoroughly enjoying his work in plastic surgery. None of us were able to locate W. F. Beamish (ex-'20), but we heard good reports of him and of Mrs. Ayer (ex-'20), and Miss Mooney (ex-'21), some of our group being fortunate enough to see the latter two for a time after the day's work had ended.

The members of the McGill delegation were very kindly entertained at lunch by the Toronto men, and afterwards were shown through some of the Toronto buildings, more particularly Hart House. This is a beautiful edifice and no one interested in the ideal Students' Union should forego seeing it when in Toronto.

Of ourselves there is little to say. Facey, who has lived at Wesleyan College since his first arrival in Montreal, lately moved to the Diocesan College, the Church of England institution. Jack Scott has been much in demand as a speaker since returning from Des Moines and is proved to be well accomplished in this regard. McKinney and Seyer are still pursuing the devious ways of research with frequent anathemas at the Montreal water-supply, which has a happy habit of vanishing at the crucial moment in an experiment or an early-morning shave. Surrounded by water, as we are, on all sides, it is often necessary to go to the basement to get it. Harry Fife is at present in the throes of the examination period, but the Fourth Year Meds., having had their lone test, are disposed to take life easily once again. The writer alleviates the effects of the grind by attendance at sundry professional hockey games with Doctor Fish, but some of his colleagues prefer the drama in one or another form. We were much interested in the linking up of the Western Universities in ath-

letics and see the possibilities of great good coming out of the union. That is the proper western spirit. May the U. of A. basketball team be seen on a McGill floor before many years.

In closing, we might say how all the Eastern Colony have appreciated the last few numbers of the Gateway. It has been "tres bon" indeed, and we can recall but few things in Gateway history which compare with the Soup Wagon. May his travels long continue. The entire paper reflects a healthy, lively, though occasionally acrimonious spirit. However, it is only by initial differences of opinion that we arrive at a common understanding and no noise, as Doctor Alexander states with the authority of years of Ford experience, is frequently not at all the sign of smooth-working efficiency, but rather of a dead engine.

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COMMUNICATIONS — (Cont.)

The Editor, The Gateway,

Dear Sir,—

The rather strenuous protest voiced by "Rights" in your last issue attracted my immediate sympathy. But I would like to make a few suggestions. In his very business-like calculation "Rights" allows nine hours for sleep. What does he think this is; a rest camp? He also overlooks the commonly accepted fact that in the Junior Courses at least, a language generally requires two or three times the amount of study that another subject, such as Philosophy or Chemistry, does.

But I would like to come to his side with a helpful suggestion, which I believe he may have overlooked. I refer to the study of Chinese. Beside the alluring possibility of gaining some insight into elusive Oriental temperament, this scheme also possesses actual utilitarian advantages. For the great possibilities of future trade in that direction have been carefully estimated.

Nor are the advantages of Italian to be rudely sneered at. Imagine the delightful superiority of sometimes being able to understand Grand Opera. Such a valuable acquisition might well qualify a man for the position of foreman on a construction gang. This language option would also obviate the necessity of anyone having his feelings lacerated by the study of German.

Two or three hours a day spent in meditation and introspection might perhaps be conducive to the production of "thinking men and women." I hope, Sir, that my few remarks will assist in throwing a little light on the subject.

MAYBE.

The Editor, The Gateway,

Dear Sir,—

In reply to the article, "It's Your Move," I would like to make a brief analysis of some of the conditions causing such ennui. This year we have many returned men. We have had a surplus of excitement during the past few years and at the present time are enjoying a re-action of quietness. Many of us have a positive horror of any kind of excitement. Furthermore, after leave in Ireland, London, Paris or Nice, the joys of Edmonton seem tame and we are content. The novelty of home has not worn off yet.

There is another consideration. Most of the students at the U. of A. come to the university; they are not sent. Being forced to put themselves through, the first consideration is to get this year's standing, before looking after frills. The returned men, especially, feel they have lost several years, and are in bitter earnest to make good. Our profiteer government will pay \$100 a month to a man who will not work, but they will not even loan the returned students one cent. Struggling to get through on as little above \$300 as possible, we are urged not to dance nor attend theatres more than six nights a week. In the eastern universities where it is common for papa to pay the bills, there is much more space required for the society column.

Something else might be mentioned. If the Dramatic Society, Glee Club, Debating Society, Literary Society and Social Committee were all amalgamated as committees of the Literary Society, the enthusiasm of the University might be much more easily focussed than under the present hit and miss spit-fire arrangement. The non-resident students cannot be expected to come back two or three nights a week on the E.R.R. for a Glee Club, Literary, Dramatic or Reconstruction Meeting, and then attend a couple of hockey matches.

Finally, we must admit there is room for much thought in "Alberta's" note. We must open up at once. We must get acquainted. Cliques should be discouraged, and we must feel we are all members of one big family. We are doing the job with Canadian thoroughness, but must drop that stolid lack of emotion. The returned men, the Freshies, the Senior students are not acquainted yet. Let's sing "Hail, hail, the Gang's all here," and serenade the next Colonial Ball with "Katy."

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The Editor, The Gateway,

Dear Sir,—

Of the famous Science Dance of '14, those who were here, either as students or guests, remember nothing but good. The floor had the perfections and faults of a new floor, freshly prepared; the decorations and lighting effects were never beaten before or since; the supper was a banquet—served in the gym. with that perfection of smoothness that characterizes an establishment of long standing. But we must say here that at that time there were only twelve tables in the dining hall, and it was impossible to set these in the gym. together with small tables and have the supper spread out and ready when the supper waltz ended. And we must also say that the student body, as a whole, were keenly conscious of their responsibilities to their Alma Mater, and to the guests whom they had invited to share the pleasures of the evening, and as a body, they did their utmost to make that function the success that it turned out to be. The decorations were distinctly characteristic of "Science." The music was of a type then popular with people who loved music and not the jangling symphonies of cowbells, whistles, cymbals, sticks, and other instruments peculiar to savagery and barbaric festivals—I shudder at the thought of insulting the savage. But, if youth will have cowbells, though they avoid the cows that should wear them, then an orchestra can but comply with public demands whether they are ashamed of their actions or not.

Concerning the Undergraduate Dance of Friday, January thirtieth, we must say that the committee in charge did their utmost to surpass in the memory of man that famous Science Dance, and nearly realized their dreams. In fact, they would have done, but for the actions of a few of our brilliant youths whose manners, greed, fears that their stomachs would go unsatisfied, or general inherent instincts caused them to determine to assist the waiters in the execution of their duty and accordingly caused them to rush forward in an endeavor to be the first to feed. We have seen other members of the phylum chordate that do not dress in evening clothes and converse in a series of grunts, rush the feed trough in a similar manner. In our most lenient moods or in the wildest flights of fancy, can we construe these actions as the actions of gentlemen? Is this the way to train men for leaders in society, and by society, I mean the country as a whole? Is this the social training which we wish our doctors, lawyers and statesmen to have? If so—well and good. I am glad to be able to say that the brilliant youths of whom I speak were in the minority. That we should have any such is disgusting. Must we set an armed guard to protect the lunch till it is ready to serve and to see that there is no grabbing? Or shall we do away with the custom of a lunch at our dances? Why is it necessary to have the kitchen locked at such a time in order to prevent trays of food, intended for the guests, from being taken to the top floor and eaten by those who haven't enough interest in the dance to come in through the front door?

The floor was never in better condition. The committee on decorations worked up till the eleventh hour and fifty-fifth minute to equal anything that has ever been done before. The programme committee supplied us with the best music (of its kind) obtainable in Western Canada today, and their selection of dances was excellent. The supper committee and Miss Russell and her staff are to be congratulated on the quality of the lunch which they provided and the method of service which they planned should have been perfect but for the impatience of the aforementioned brilliant youths.

And one more point. Five ladies, the very centre of the social life of our province, consented to act as hostesses. What was the result? About forty-five per cent. of the guests met these hostesses, the rest rushed for the programmes in order that they might not miss a moment in signing up all the dances even though the music was not to start for fifteen minutes. Imagine being invited to the home of any one of these ladies and starting the call by rushing to the kitchen and asking the cook what was on the menu, with never a word to the hostess. To excuse it as the thoughtlessness of youth is to convict the youth of thoughtlessness. Let us hope it is nothing worse. I make no excuses for anyone. Kindly understand that I speak not of the student body as a whole; but if the cap fits—wear it. Anyone interested may get my name from the Editor.

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EDITORIALS

We remarked last week that there were many debatable points in the letter written by "Rights," but as no one has thought it worth while to take the matter up, we wish to discuss the various complaints made by our correspondent. Of course, we must bear in mind that it was the intention of "Rights" to "abuse" Latin, so he may, therefore, be justified in some of his statements. It is our intention, however, to take a defensive attitude.

We all agree that Latin is not a compulsory subject in our University, and we have only recently learned that we owe this concession to the head of the Department of Classics, who were responsible for Latin becoming optional on the Arts course.

We do not dispute the fact that Latin is a difficult subject, for we have been struggling along with it for some years now, and have never yet found it easy. But, from the little experience we have had with Italian, Spanish or Russian, more especially the last mentioned, we fear the same objection may be raised to all these languages. Nevertheless, we heartily approve of the suggestion to have these modern languages included in our curriculum, though we see no reason whatever for the German language being shunned, as we are inclined to think that this is far from being a dead language.

"Rights" complains that students entering the University are "forced" to take in two years, the Latin that ought to be carried in five; we would prefer to substitute "privileged" in place of "forced." It is only recently that such students have been "allowed" to complete their languages in two years. Many of our veterans have very distinct recollections of passing through the stages of A and B classes in their first and second years in order to complete their matriculation, and then in their Junior and Senior years, taking the two years of University Latin.

After a bitter experience of the "short-cut" method, we would offer a suggestion that the Matriculation Latin be carried in one year and that the following two years be devoted to the University requirements in this subject. We are of the opinion that this would give better results than cramming three years' work into one.

Regarding the time to be spent in the study of this subject, we quite agree that at least ten hours each week are necessary for work outside of lecture periods. We would suggest that six hours be taken from the 54 sleeping hours and this would still leave eight hours each day, which is surely enough sleep for any normal being, and more than most of our students usually get.

To the ordinary Arts student in his second or third year, with not more than 18 hours taken up with lectures and Lab.

periods, we seen no great difficulty in being able to give at least the ten hours required to Latin. We may mention, however, that there are some students carrying several theological courses in addition to the above and still hope to make the grade on their Latin.

We fear the statement made recently by an authority on this subject is all too true: "It is ten minutes rather than ten hours" that most of us devote to Latin. We quite admit that Latin is one of our most difficult subjects, but let us bear in mind the words of another authority on the classics:

"LABOR OMNIA VINCIT."

THE CRYSTAL GAZER

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—We have before us a man who has taken as his slogan, the University motto. In baring the innermost thoughts of the students, his observant eyes have been and seen in circles hitherto exclusive. To leave to posterity an accurate chronicle of student activities, he has spared neither his time, his money, his friends, nor their money. Continually he takes his very life in his hands, as he ruthlessly exposes the foibles and failings of all and sundry amongst us. The revered Faculty, the eminent scholars and the great unwashed have followed with bated breath, his vivid pen, as it uncovers wrong, hypocrisy and pretense.

Ladies and Gentlemen, we have with us one who is unknown to any of us, yet familiar to all of us. Allow me to present the author of the "Musings of the Soup Wagon," and "The Crystal Gazer." It affords me the greatest pleasure in introducing the illustrious iconoclast and reformer, George V. Ferguson.



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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,—The truth of my friend's mild impeachment is self-evident. I am all he has said about me—and worse. Here are the facts of my life, listed in customary and chronological order: Entered this vale of tears in 1897, at Fifeshire, Scotland. Mention birthplace in way of an excuse. Early childhood spent much the same as other early childhoods. Decided when — years old to come to Canada with my parents. Showed signs of normal mental acumen by accepting the offer of my freshman year to enlist with the 196th in 1916. Showed signs of abnormal mental acumen by transferring to Canadian Corps Intelligence Staff shortly before Passchendaele. Never wounded, though constantly shell-shocked. Have no intense likes nor dislikes, except a favorite publication and author, I refer to the "Gateway" and "Ferguson." Hope to graduate in '22. That is to say, I hope for another war to break out in Spring of '22, which will induce Faculty to make the offer of a free year to patriotic students.

THE UNDERGRADUATE DANCE

The Undergraduate Dance, given by the returned men of the University, on Friday evening of January the thirtieth, was one of the best in a series of enjoyable affairs.

Athabasca's dining hall was most prettily decorated for the occasion and showed the results of much hard work on the part of the committee and their helpers. Radiating from a big white moon in the centre of the ceiling were streamers of red and white, while two fleets of tiny 'planes were a reminder of the military past of our hosts. In the centre of the room was a tall thicket of evergreens, brought with much risk of life and limb from the river banks. In this bower, Boyles' Orchestra discoursed sweet music and "jazz," with liberal encores to each.

As the guests entered the hall they were received by Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Tory and Miss Misener.

All too quickly the dances were ticked off on a most elaborate clock on the wall, below which a regular he-vamp of a moon winked at everyone passing.

About midnight a dainty yet substantial lunch was served, after which dancing continued until two o'clock. It was with real regret that we heard the strains of "God Save the King," bringing the delightful evening to a close.

The success of the affair was largely due to the committee in charge of the arrangements, Messrs. Nichol, Teviotdale and Appleton.

LAW STUDENTS

A meeting was held of the Law Students' Association on Thursday, the 29th of January. The resignation of Chas. F. Carswell, the former president was read and accepted. Mr. Carswell is now studying law with Mr. Knox of Wetaskiwin.

A. Blair Paterson was elected as the new president, to fill the vacancy for the balance of the term. Mr. Paterson, who is articled with S. A. Dickson and Co., is a very popular student, and his regime will no doubt be successful.

The meeting also appointed a representative to attend the banquet given by the Calgary Law Students in Calgary on the 30th. Mr. J. H. Sissons, the secretary-treasurer, was appointed. He has since returned and reports that an excellent time was had.

A petition, originating with the Calgary Association, to the effect that the number of supplementaries allowed in the 3rd year exams., be increased, was read and endorsed by the meeting.

The Law Students' Annual Dance was held at the Macdonald on the 23rd, and it lived up to its reputation of the previous years, by being one of the most successful dances given during the year. There was a considerable number of Varsity students present.

Y.M.C.A.

As announced last week in the Gateway, an effort was made to start a class for training anyone who wished to work with boys. Over twenty expressed their desire to enter such a class. Mr. Dallas, the Boys' Work Secretary of the city Y.M.C.A., has agreed to take on the task of training us in how to handle boys and how to carry on the C.S.E.T. programme. Mr. Dallass is the best man in the city at this work and he expects that in five meetings he can give to us a good working knowledge of how to form and how to maintain Trail Rangers and Tuxis groups. The class will meet every Friday evening from 7:15 to 8 for the next five weeks, in the classroom in the basement of the south wing of Assiniboia Hall.

There are many students interested in boys' work who were not at the "Y" meeting on Jan. 25th. All of these are invited to attend this class, which is open to everyone interested in boys. The training will be worth while in every respect.

No announcement is possible this week regarding the class of preparation for those who are thinking of teaching school amongst the foreigners this summer, but there is hope yet that we may obtain the co-operation of the Education Department along this line.

Further announcements regarding the Bible Class to discuss the pressing problems of religion and faith will be made shortly.

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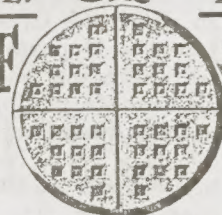
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COMING EVENTS

Thursday, Feb. 5th. 5 p.m.

Civil Engineering Club. Room 342 Arts. Speaker, Mr. Fife. Subject—The Quebec Bridge (Illustrated). All are welcome.

8:15 p.m. Lit. Night. Three plays by the Dramatic Society. Everybody come!

Friday, Feb. 6th. 7:15 p.m.

First meeting of Boys' Leadership Group in basement class room, South wing of Assiniboia Hall.

Saturday, Feb. 7th.

Inter-Varsity Basketball. Alberta vs. Saskatchewan. Get your tickets now and prepare to root!

Sunday, Feb. 8th. 11 a.m.

Sunday Service. Speaker—Rev. "Bob" Pearson of Calgary.

2:30 p.m. Room 135 Arts. Adjourned Y.M.C.A. meeting to continue discussion of 25th of January, and hear reports of committees.

Monday, Feb. 9th. 5 p.m.

Mining and Geological Society. 342 Arts. Dr. J. S. Stewart will speak on Field Methods in Commercial Oil Geology.

Wednesday, Feb. 11th. 7:15 p.m.

Bible Study Group.

Friday, Feb. 13th.

Conversazione. (See the other notice.)

ANNUAL CONVERSAZIONE

The outstanding function of the year is being arranged for Friday, February 13. Those who have attended the "Conversat." in previous years do not need to be urged to be present, but to those who have never yet attended our annual "University At Home" we would say: "Do not miss this event." Instead of one particular faculty being responsible, all faculties and the various societies are united in the effort to make this eclipse any social function in the history of our University. Dancing will be a feature, but only one of many items on a programme to which the Glee Club, Orchestra and other societies of the Literary Department are contributing. We would urge that you watch the bulletin boards between now and the 13th for further information. In the meantime, you are requested to carefully read the following instructions and act accordingly.

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2. Admission, \$1.50 per couple.
3. Get your invitation slip at the Book Store and fill in the names of the guests you wish to invite, also your own name.
4. The slip must be left at the Book Store, where you will receive tickets later.
5. Do it now! You may be too late tomorrow!

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZE

The Student Volunteer Band met on Wednesday, January 21, when they held an election of officers and made plans for the remainder of the session.

Dr. D. E. Thomas was elected Honorary President; Mr. N. T. Ronning, President; Mr. Chas Young, Vice-President and Miss B. Gardner, Secretary.

It was decided to hold a meeting each week, on Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6 p.m. Everyone interested in missionary work will be cordially welcome at all of the meetings. The subjects to be considered are to be alternately the study of a missionary biography and of a devotional subject.

The second meeting was held January 28th in Alberta College Library. The executive submitted the following programme, and suggested that each devotional subject be illustrated from some missionary life.

Programme

- Feb. 4th—Consecration, Alice Jackson, Miss K. McCrimmon.
 Feb. 11—Davidson Livingstone, Mr. W. Wees.
 Feb. 18—The meaning of Sacrifice, Mr. W. Dobson.
 Feb. 25—Miss Mary Slessor, Miss B. Gardner.
 Mar. 3—Enduring Hardship, J. Gilmour, Dr. D. E. Thomas.

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Mar. 10—Mr. F. W. Gray.

Mar. 17—Prayer, Its Purpose and Power, Yates; Mr. C. Young.

Mar. 24—Morrison, Mr. N. T. Ronning.

Mar. 31—Service, Isabella Thobourne, Miss M. McLean.

Prof. Jackson told the life story of Keith-Falconer, first pointing out how men like Dr. Grenfell, Carey and others, who gave their lives to brighten the dark corners of the world, loved life. It was also true of the Hon. Keith-Falconer that he loved life, and rejoiced in the joy it brought him. He was a good scholar. At the age of twenty-nine, he followed Prof. Robertson Smith in the chair of Arabic in the University of Cambridge. He left his position to spend one year in Arabia, where he died, having made the supreme sacrifice for the uplift of humanity. All the meetings are to be held in Alberta College Library in the north wing of Assiniboia Hall.

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On the Undergraduate Dance

THE other day
A FRIEND of mine
HANDED me a
TICKET and said
"BE THERE."
IT WAS for the
UNDERGRADUATE dance.
I went.
THE HALL was dressed in
RED and white streamers,
WITH CHINESE lanterns
ON THE lights. In the
CENTRE a
GROVE OF spruce
SURROUNDED the
ORCHESTRA. Colored
LIGHTS in the trees.
VERY pretty.
ON ONE wall a moon
THAT winked and
A CLOCK that
NUMBERED the dance.
A MAN would pound
TWICE on the wall and
THE CLOCK would turn to
THE NEXT.
SOMETIMES he forgot,
PUT THE clock turned.
THE MOON winked feebly
AT FIRST but strong
AT THE end.
ANOTHER moon arose in
THE SPRUCE grove
(I WAS NOT DRUNK)
AND conveniently
DARKENED its rays
AT TIMES. I heard
ONE YOUNG lady say,
DURING the course of
A MOONLIGHT waltz,
"I WISH it were dark,"
NOW I wonder why,

BECAUSE
IT SEEMED to me
I GOT stepped on
SUFFICIENTLY as it was.
SUPPER started fine,
BUT a few
IMPATIENT youths
DECIDED to assist the
WAITERS and succeeded
IN BALLING things up
COMPLETELY.
CONCERNING their
CONDUCT the less
SAID THE better.
AFTER SUPPER the music
WAS EVEN better than
BEFORE, and when
TWO O'CLOCK came
I FELT that the time
HAD BEEN all too
SHORT.
HAD BEEN all too
SHORT.

News Item:

THE PATRONESSES were
Mrs. Brett, Mrs. Stewart,
Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Tory,
Miss Misener.

Questions:

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The new headmaster of Lawrenceville Academy, Professor Mather A. Abbott (formerly Yale's Latin teacher and crew coach), writer for the Yale News a pretty strong critic of the American preparatory schools. He says that if he had his way he would "place athletics on an equal basis with scholarship in every school and college in the country. He would require the teachers in all branches of athletics to be men of the same high moral character as the teachers of the intellectual subjects, and would place the two groups on absolute equality in salary and social standing. In other words, athletics would be made as much a part of the curriculum as mathematics, etc." Speaking on behalf of college teaching, this is a doctrine for which the Alumni Weekly has stood for many years and is glad to see at least one of the educational institutions now supporting.....

We think, however, that Professor Abbott is drawing too long a bow when he proposes to place the two groups on absolute equality in salaries. There are in progress several college salary "drives" in the country today. But we do not know of any one of them the sponsors for which have mounted to the heights of athletic coaches' salaries for college teachers.....To place athletic and teaching salaries on the absolute equality urged by the Lawrenceville headmaster would very properly pay the college professors but would bankrupt the colleges. We are glad, however, to find a voice in the wilderness calling for this extreme measure. Professor Abbott's theory carried out, bringing up the teacher to the rank of an athletic coach, has been a long process and we are not quite there yet. But straws in the current indicate the way things are coming.

RETURNED FROM THE DEAD

In publishing the Official Cheer Book for the University for the current year, the editors believe that they have issued something creditable to the University. The book includes the official yells of all the universities of Canada and a large number of Alberta yells, some of which are original and some of which are borrowed. The editors claim that all faculties have been asked for yells and that most of the faculties have replied by sending their yells.

The response to the call for new songs and original yells has been rather disappointing to Bill Kelly, who is guiding the destinies of the Rooters this year and it is quite within the realm of probability that many of the students who were too busy to help by writing songs and yells, will be quite free with their criticisms. The book will be placed on sale at the end of this week and the Cheer Leader believes that all students who are willing to help their teams from the sidelines will co-operate with him to that extent.

"It is to be hoped," says Mr. Kelly, "that next year when the call goes out for a new book that we will be able to have some real original stuff. The greatest objection to our present book is that all the yells and songs are old. The call for a real Alberta anthem is just as great as ever it was, and as yet no composer has tried his hand at writing one."

ISOLATED

The University of British Columbia feel quite annoyed that the three prairie universities have organized an Inter-University Association, without asking U.B.C. to become a member of the association. The Ubyssy, the official organ of the University says: "Why is it that the University of British Columbia is not included in this new association? This University is taking a prominent place in all branches of sport in Vancouver, and our teams are at, or near, the top of every league in which they have entered.....we have the athletes. They are given good support by their fellow-students. Are we going to pass up this opportunity?"

Jock—"Oh ay, Sandy, it's a sinfu' war."

Sandy—"Food's just gane up anither sax pence a quart."—Ex.

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ATHLETICS

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

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ANOTHER WIN FOR 'VARSITY

On Wednesday, January 28th, 'Varsity took the South Siders into camp to the tune of 4-2. The South Side were very confident of snowing us under in our first battle and this was a very bitter pill, indeed, for them to swallow. This is 'Varsity's third league game and for the information of those outside of the ten ardent 'Varsity supporters at the last game, i.e., Monsieur Rutledge and Co., this is our third win, which puts us at the top of the league with a percentage of 1000. The game was played at the Arena and although six man hockey looks a bit slow on such a big sheet of ice, it suited our boys fine. We got some combination started and Dobson, taking a pass from Clarke in front of the nets, bulged the twine for the first counter, making the score 1-0 for 'Varsity at the end of the 1st period.

The South Side came back strong in the 2nd half, scoring a few minutes after the face-off. Then came the fight for the next goal, and after much hard-fought play, Dobson again tallied for 'Varsity, making the score 2-1 for 'Varsity at the end of the 2nd period.

In the third period 'Varsity got going better and showed some pretty combination work, getting in on Duke Campbell four or five times, only to be robbed by the said Duke of what looked like sure goals. This evidently peeved Harry Morris, who made a pretty rush from one end to the other, winding up in the proper manner by scoring. At this point the ten 'Varsity supporters lustily cheered.

The South Side again scored, making a fluke goal, the puck skidding off Slim's pads, who was heard to say d. n! Then just before time 'Varsity got some more combination going, which resulted in another score, making the final score 4-2 in favor of 'Varsity.

There was much improvement in the play of the team.

The line-up:

'Varsity—"Slim" Morris, Smith, McAllister, Morris, Dobson, Esdale (Capt.), MacGregor, Clarke.

South Side—Campbell, Jackson, McKinnon, McDonough, Bowen, McLeod, O'Brien, Tidsbury.

On Wednesday, February 4th, 'Varsity journies east to play the U. of S. a return game. Mgr. Clarke has arranged to go on from there to play the University of Manitoba at Winnipeg on Saturday. This is the second trip of this kind in the history of the U. of A., and the hockey team are on their toes to make it a successful one. The daddy of the hockey team, Dean Howes, is going along to make the party complete. There is a cup presented for the Western University championship. Arrangements are now being made to have the U. of M. here on Feb. 23rd, so keep this date open.

LAW VS. PHARMACY

Pharmacy—3. Law—5. That's how it ended.

It was a terrific battle, the "Lawyers" winning on technicalities. For Law, Becker, Puffer and Sereth handled the "case" well. For Pharmacy, Carruthers and Lang, by their good play, appeared to have mixed the right prescription for themselves. The line-up:

Law—Gerber, Sereth, Puffer, Dickins, Wilson, Becker, Turnbull, Emery.

Pharmacy—Manning, Farrow, Sampson, Lang, Mathews, Carruthers, Gaetz, Sampson, Rowsell.

SASKATOON BASKETBALLERS TO PLAY HERE

The University of Saskatchewan basketball team will be seen in action here Saturday, Feb. 7th, when they clash with 'Varsity in the first game of a home and home series.

The fast running game of the Saskatooners will be a change from the heavy games heretofore, and should open the game up and make it quite exciting from the spectators viewpoint.

The 'Varsity team will be selected from the following: Butchart, Crozier, Cox, Hamilton, Love, Parney, Taylor, York.

The seating capacity of the gym. is limited. Get your tickets, early if you intend to come—and come early.

Latin Prof.—Give me the Latin which means to run and give its principal parts?

Student (to neighbor)—What is it?

Neighbor—Damdifino.

Student—Damdifino, damdifinare, damdifinare, damdifinavi, damdifinatus.—Ex.

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HOUSE BASKETBALL LEAGUE

The second week of the house league race is finished with the exception of a couple of postponed games. The league officials hereby notify all captains that if postponed games are not played off promptly, the team postponing the game will lost by default.

The following are the results of the games:

Tesky defeated Beatty 35-7. Beatty's excuse—lack of condition.

Lillico defeated McAllister 13-11. McAllister's excuse—?-. '*1 (deleted by censor).

Ferguson defeated Yerber, 25-14. Yerber's excuse—

Jenson won from McGillivray, 18-13. Mac's excuse—

My supply of oatmeal has been finished.

Snider slipped it over Becker, 32-7. Becker's excuse—Too much skeeing.

Ab. Taylor defeated McGachie, 25-13. McGachie's excuse—Ab. Taylor.

SCIENCE VS. ARTS AND LAW

When the smoke of battle had cleared away it was discovered that Science had won the contest—6-1.

At the end of the second stanza the score stood 2-1 in favor of Arts and Law. The line-up:

Science—Taylor, Beck, Simpkin, Lawton, Fraser, Hawe, Hamilton, Gidman.

Arts & Law—Kelly, Macdonald, Adams, Macbrine, McKay, Stuart, McCabe.

Officials—Jacobson and Routledge.

MEDS. VS. AGS.

A speedy hockey game was witnessed on Jan. 28th, when the Ags. defeated the Meds, 6-2. For the Meds. Routledge, Wilson and Crisiter played effective games; while for the Ags. "Jake," Hummon and Doughty distinguished themselves.

Meds. — Routledge, Dier, McKinnon, Blow, Simmons, Martin, Crisiter and Vereau.

—Thornton, Clark, McColl, MacDonald, Jacobson, and Hummon.

Officials—Simpkin, R. Taylor.

RIFLE CLUB

The Rifle Club have again resumed practices, which are held Mondays and Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. Every member is requested to regularly attend the practices as several competitions are being arranged. The practices are being held in the Science building. The highest scores last week are as follows: Good, 29; Budd, 28; Sillak, 28; Warb, 28; Simpkin, 28; Baker, 27; Felter, 27; Moody, 25; McGuire, 25; Broadus, 23.

HUSH !

Dances usually involve a lot of preparation which adds to the enjoyment of the evening, but Pembina, a short while ago, occasioned the exception of this well tested rule. The impromptu dance resulting from the sudden darkness into which the hall was thrown, made a unique scene of merriment, all the more enjoyable on account of its spontaneity.

As the sound of the piano penetrated through the darkness to the corridors of the building, two streams of quaintly attired Pembinites, bearing candles, made a procession down the stairs, and lost no time in answering the summons of the dance music. Candle-light has a charm of its own, while the fantastic apparel of the dancers, looking more youthful with their hair released from the every-day coils, made a spectacle suggestive of unreality. Too soon, the spell was broken!

While the "kimona dance" was in full swing, the night watchman arrived..... The music ceased (or was drowned in the squeals of embarrassed maidens) and quickly each Pembinite scampered bedward, while once again darkness and peace reigned in Pembina.